

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

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AEDC tour

Twelve elected and appointed officials from Manchester, Coffee County and Tullahoma attended a four hour tour and briefing at AEDC last Wednesday. It had been many years since my last tour, and AEDC continues to amaze me. After a briefing by AEDC Commander Col. Todaro, the group toured the Aerodynamic and Propulsion Test Unit (Hypersonics), J-6 Test Cell and C-1 Test Cell. I was pleased to learn many new and exciting things are on the horizon at AEDC.

Country show entertains

Evelyn and I thoroughly enjoyed the South Jackson Goes Country performances Friday night. South Jackson Goes Country is a tradition in Tullahoma, as this is the 37th annual show. The nearly three-hour show featured nearly 40 songs and 15 “live” commercials. As much as we enjoyed the talented singers and dancers, the “live” commercials are what really makes the evening so unique. The commercials are all original, clever and fun. I counted over 25 individuals who work hard behind the scenes to bring the show to life. The five-member band, The Big Bob Band, had to learn over 80 songs to accompany the singers over the three weekend performances. Hats off, once again, to director Peggy Burton, for a job well done.

Let's Walk Across Tennessee

Be sure to get your 5-person team together this week and join me as we Walk Across Tennessee over the next eight weeks. And the best part – you don't have to leave Tullahoma! It is 572 miles from Mountain City to Memphis, if you go through Tullahoma along the way. This is a great opportunity to get more fit, make new friends, have fun and win prizes. If you work, live or go to church or school or attend a civic club in Tullahoma, you are eligible to participate. To Walk Across Tennessee in eight weeks, each person on your team only needs to walk about two miles each day. The competition starts Sunday and over 100 people have signed up so far! To learn more and to sign up, email walkacrosstennessee@tullahomatn.gov, or call John or Frances at 455-1121.

Alumni players back on the field

The Alumni game at THS Saturday night was well attended. The full-contact tackle game between Tullahoma and Warren County saw about 400 to 500 in attendance. The Tullahoma squad was supplemented by several former Coffee County High school players. Although the THS team fought hard, they lost a close 35 to 27 game. Proceeds from the Tullahoma ticket sales benefit the THS high school football program. On another football-related subject, I hope to see you all at this Friday night's Coffee Pot game at Wilkins Stadium.

Way to go, Kristin

One of the most accomplished people in Tullahoma is writer Kristin Luna, a Tullahoma native and graduate of Tullahoma High School. I hope you saw her lead article in the August 7th edition of Parade magazine. Parade is distributed by the Sunday News and many other newspapers, reaching over 55,000,000 readers each week. The story was titled “Study with the Stars” and told about a “new trend that lets you learn from the greats – without ever leaving home”.

This was actually the second article Kristin has had published in Parade this summer. In May, she wrote a cover story featuring Simon Crowell and the history of talent shows. According to Kristin, each of these stories was pretty research-intensive with a lot of sources and moving parts, taking about 2 to 3 weeks each to write.

Kristin is quite the prolific writer, penning 15 to 30 articles monthly for publications like Newsweek, Forbes, Southern Living, Real Simple and USA Today. She is also a contract writer for Tennessee Tourism and contributes articles weekly for TNVacation.com. Her most recent project – writing a new classic edition of Trivial Pursuit for Hasbro, which will be out in a year. Wow, makes me tired just thinking about it. Check out Kristin’s blog at Camels and Chocolate. Way to go, Kristin! Tullahoma is proud of you!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: “Aim for the moon, if you miss, you may hit a star.” W. Clement Stone

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